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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TBIO, ECON, TD

SUBJECT: HEALTH HAZARDS OF SKIN DECALS

REF: STATE 026263

1. PRODUCT IN QUESTION BEARS NO LABELLING INFORMATION AND GOTT GOVERNMENT CHEMIST HAS DETERMINED HE IS UNABLE TO MAKE THE DELICATE MEASUREMENTS REQUIRED TO DETERMINE COMPOSITION. MANUFACTURER CLAIMS THAT ADHESIVE CONTAINS LESS THAN ONE PART PER MILLION (PPM) OF LEAD AND LESS THAN ONE PPM OF COPPER. DYES ARE ALLEGEDLY VEGETABLE DYES. GOVERNMENT CHEMIST HERE HAS MICROSCOPICALLY CONFIRMED THAT DYES ARE NOT IN CONTACT WITH SKIN OF WEATER IN ANY CASE SO ANY PROBLEM SHOULD BE CONFINED TO ADHESIVE AND ANY SOLVENT USED TO REMOVE TATTOOS AFTER USE. COLLATERAL PROBLEM MAY BE REMOVAL SOLVENT FOR DISTRIBUTOR ADVISES USE OF ACETONE OR NAIL POLISH REMOVER. GOTT HEALTH OFFICER HAS WARNED PUBLIC AGAINST COVERING LARGE AREAS OF SKIN WITH TATTOOS OR HEAVY USE OF ACETONE SOLVENTS ON SKIN. CONCERN REMAINS, HOWEVER AT HEAVY ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN AND PROSPECT OF WIDESPREAD USE OF THE TATTOO STICKERS BEGINNING THIS COMING CARNIVAL WEEKEND. THEREFORE ANY ADDITIONAL ADVICE WHICH FDA CAN PROVIDE WILL BE MOST HELPFUL AND APPRECIATED BY GOVERNMENT HERE.

2. WE REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT FDA THROUGH ITS SAN JUAN OFFICE CAN  
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OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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